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Carry A. Nation in Tampa.

A national character today of more than passing interest is Mrs. Carry A. Nation. Since I have seen her autograph in the visitor's book at the fair kept by W. Stanley Hanson, for the Tampa Tribune, I have learned how to spell her name. Whether she makes it Carry A. Nation with the thought that on her broad shoulders she is expecting to carry a nation I do not know, but the idea struck me that she really feels a great responsibility resting upon her to correct wrongs, call attention to abuses in high places and in a general way reprove and chastise as a loving and somewhat hasty but virtuous mother would her erring children.

I heard Mrs. Nation for the first time at Rev. Carpenter's Methodist church in Tampa on last Thursday night. Only a fair sized audience greeted her. Heretofore she has spoken to full houses in this city but as she explained in the beginning of her lecture, the Tampa dailies had misannounced her, and would not correct their mistake altho invited to do so. By request of the people at a previous lecture, this one was on her experiences. Nothing could be more interesting, for certainly no woman in the United States has had such varied not to say harrowing experiences. Thirty-two times has she been imprisoned. Many sleepless nights has she spent in cells with only a board for bed. One of her most recent experiences being taken to the poor house just out of Washington, D. C. because she refused to pay a \$35 fine. Here she staid three days and enjoyed herself, and rested. Before she left she convinced the inmates that they had a nice home and good food, and persuaded them to be contented. Temperance friends paid her fine and she was released.

Mrs. Nation says that very many of the newspaper reports of her actions are wholly false. Made out of whole cloth. Her methods are not so revolutionary as are generally reported. No doubt she did start out with her little hatchet on the Kansas saloons. But they were being run in violation of the law and her crime was the lesser one, altho more notorious.

Mrs. Nation is a square built, strong featured woman of medium height somewhere in the sixties. She speaks well, and always interestingly, and has in the last year gone into journalism. Her magazine is *The Hatchet*, published at Washington, D. C. monthly at fifty cents per year.

Just now her hobby is exposing Masonry. To my mind her objections to this time honored Association are not worthy of her. They seem to me trivial. There are so many real wrongs to be righted. I wish she would reform those first.

Mrs. Nation visited the State Fair on Saturday last. She is fond of newspaper people and stopped at the *Tribune* booth where in the register, she wrote in a bold, firm hand, "Carry A. Nation. Your loving home defender, for Jesus sake, Washington, D. C." She will remain in Florida I understand, for some weeks yet, making headquarters in Tampa, but circulating in other nearby sections.

Not all the counties are represented at the State Fair this year. A number have exhibits without help from their county funds. Of this number is Columbia county represented by Editor Appleyard, of Lake City, who has in charge a very creditable exhibit of farm products, including a bale of beautiful cotton. Mr. Stewart, of Osceola County, has also a fine exhibit, largely of citrus fruits, sent by private enterprise. Evidently General Gilchrist's example of 1906 has had a stimulating effect on other public spirited citizens of our State.

The delightful springlike weather of the early part of this week has greatly increased the attendance at the State Fair. Very many tourists from the north are found registered at the different booths. Evidence that the selection of February as the Fair month was a wise choice.

Prof. P. W. Corr, of Dade City, with his daughter, are this week very busy in the educational department of the State Fair. The professor is looking well and seems very contented with Dade City and his Normal work. Miss Corr is charming and efficient, and delights to greet her DeSoto county friends.

Remember, next Tuesday is DeSoto County Day at the Fair, and that the A. C. L. runs a special train to accommodate those of our people who will attend.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. Keigwin, Pastor
Services every Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 p. m.

Next Sunday: Subject for morning, "How to Bring the Spiritually Dead to Life." Evening, "Evangelistic."

All are cordially invited.
The supper given by the Ladies' Aid Tuesday night was successful and the returns quite satisfactory, and the Society returns thanks to Mr. Reynolds for the use of the room, the Electric Light Company for lights and the public for liberal patronage.

THE SERMON

Last Sunday morning was upon the responsibility of the church and upon the parents for the salvation of the children.

The text was Deut. 6: 6-7, "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

Having premised the discussion with the statement that the future of the family, the church and the State will be precisely what we of this generation make of the children who are to take our places, it was remarked that something of far more importance than the welfare of even empires is the question, "Is it well with the child?" now, and will it be well with its soul a thousand years from this time?

THE SOLICITOUS FACT

Was shown that in view of the tendencies to evil which are wrapped up in the human soul, and the adverse environment of the sinful world it is a moral certainty that it shall not be well with the child unless the nature shall be changed and the soul brought into unison with God.

But the infinitely wise and loving God has provided two agencies by which these adverse influences may be counteracted and the rudder of the young soul may be so set that it shall reach at last the safe port of heaven.

One of these agencies is

THE CHURCH.

It was shown from plain Scripture teaching that when the church was organized the children were included in the covenant of grace and together with the parents received the sealing ordinance which was a sign and seal of the righteousness of faith. If the sheep of his pasture are within the fold of the visible church, it would be strange indeed if the lambs also were not within.

But membership in the visible church does not necessarily involve membership in the church invisible or a true salvation, and hence God has made it incumbent upon the church to labor for the salvation of the children and every member of the church as well as the minister is under obligation to obey the command which Christ announced to Peter, "Feed my lambs."

But the most effectual agency which God has appointed for the spiritual training of the children is the great original institution of

THE FAMILY.

Having shown how perfectly the relation of parent and child is especially adapted to the work of training up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the teaching of God's word was shown to emphasize this special design and object for which "the

Lord hath set the solitary in families." In the text the Lord lays it incumbent upon the parent to "teach" the children all the words he hath commanded to "teach them diligently," to teach them in season and out of season, at all times and in all places, at home, abroad, on lying down, on rising up in the morning, and when sitting at leisure in the home. In other words the main business of parenthood is the training up for the service of God, and for future glory, the young and rising generation.

And in order that this duty shall be discharged aright God commands the parent to bear these commandments "in his heart." They must have such love for God's word that "from the abundance of the heart the mouth shall speak," and by personal influence as well as by precept, incline the young soul to walk in the ways of God. Then the

FEARFUL CONSEQUENCES

Of neglect were shown, how with a fearful reality we are photographing our own character upon our children, who absorb from the parent, the tones, the accent, the character of the home for weal or woe, and how dreadful the thought of the lost soul rising up in a hopeless future and accusing father and mother of moulding and shaping their souls for that dreadful destiny.

It is unspeakable cruelty to the helpless child to thus mould his character for a dark eternity. If it be cruelty in the Flat Head Indian to bind the board upon the head of the helpless babe, to disfigure him for life. If it be cruelty in the Chinese mother to bind the foot of her female child and render it miserable and helpless, it is still worse to warp the young soul into a condition which endangers its eternal welfare by our daily example and influence, and by neglecting to train the young and plastic mind and heart "into images of the heavenly."

In conclusion the story was told of a sinking vessel, and the helpless little girl looking up into the face of the strong, vigorous man and with pleading voice saying, "Please sir, won't you save me?" and how, then the voice of the sweet, helpless soul of childhood has an entreating voice saying to the church and especially the father and mother, "please, will you not save me for future welfare on earth and glory in the world to come."

St. Edmunds Church.

Services next Sunday. Septuagesima

9:45 a. m., Sunday School

11 a. m., Morning Prayer

Sermon

7:15 p. m., Evening Prayer

Sermon

All are cordially invited

REV. RUDOLPH STANLEY,

Rector.

First M. E. Church, South.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. Subject,

"Influence of the Godly."

League, 3:30 p. m.

Preaching, 7:15 p. m. Subject,

"The Divine Christ." Text,

John 1:1.

CHARLES W. WHITE, P. C.

Order of Eastern Star F. & A. M.

Owing to the epidemic of La Grippe too few ladies to form a Chapter of O. E. S. were present at the call meeting on Monday 10th inst at Mrs. Whidden's but a sufficient number to fill the requirements for a petition have signified intentions to join as charter members.

MY DEPARTMENT

Things That Interest Me Told in My Way For Those Who See as I See, by "IT"

The State Democratic Executive Committee has set the dates for the primaries this year as May 19th and June 16th. Just three months to the first primary! It is now up to the candidates to make their wants and wishes known.

THE CHAMPION's editorial space cannot be bought at any price. It is reserved for the expression of our own opinions. No candidate can gain access to any other part of our paper except through our business office. "Nuff sed."

The chicken exhibit at the State Fair is said to be much less than that made last year, which was exceptionally fine. This is no doubt due to the fact that the Poultry Growers of the State held an independent fair of their own at Orlando a few months ago.

Our Brownville correspondent this week comments on some of the official acts of DeSoto's county commissioners. That is right. If public officers are doing their duty a fair discussion of their acts can hurt no one, and if they are wrong the people should know about it.

THE CHAMPION's Job Department is as usual quite the busiest place in Arcadia. It is indeed gratifying to us to so often be paid the highest possible praise; the compliment of the "repeat orders." People are beginning to realize the meaning of "Artistically Neat Printing."

We were promised for this week's issue, a full explanation of the Arcadia Water Works situation, but for some reason it has failed to make its appearance. At any rate it seems that the Plant is still in the hands of the Bond Trustees and that the City Council and Mayor are not to be blamed for anything pertaining to the matter. We hope to be able to tell all about it next week.

The Annual Banquet tendered by the State Fair management to the editors and legislators and State officials was given at the Grand Orient, the Spanish Restaurant of Ybor City fame, on last Saturday night. There were about sixty-five persons present, but only a few newspapers, legislators or State officials showed up. Numerous public men of Tampa were there and a sprinkling of brainy men from other sections. Even General Gilchrist, who was in the city was too busy to attend. If the editors of the State are so lukewarm in accepting banquets tendered them, they may find the banquets cut out of the program hereafter.

Notwithstanding a certain Florida candidate for Governor to the contrary, national authorities declare that Prohibition and Temperance are to play an important part in all National Party Platforms this year. Prohibition decidedly IS A POLITICAL ISSUE, and to our minds the BIGGEST issue before the people today. In consequence of this belief we will state positively that THE CHAMPION WILL NOT WILLINGLY SUPPORT ANY CANDIDATE FOR ANY OFFICE WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE MAKING OR ENFORCING OF LAWS, WHO DOES NOT RING CLEAR ON THE TEMPERANCE PROPOSITION.

Expert Testimony

The following is from the National Printer-Journalist, of Chicago, for February, and is the opinion of O. Byron Copper, one of the most competent newspaper critics in the world. Of course we are proud of this praise, but we are not yet satisfied with The Champion and will endeavor to deserve still higher praise:

THE CHAMPION, of Arcadia, Florida, is surely "coming to the front." I was really delighted with the inspiration of the "all home done" Christmas number, which Brother Royal B. Child, one of the publishers, sends me. This was "illuminated" in two colors—red and green—extremely appropriate for the holly border, and I'll testify it did look "Christmassy." Typographically The Champion is fast becoming one of the finest publications I have had occasion to inspect, and its advancement and improvement are not confined alone to the typographical departures. The editorial work, the policies of the sheet, the mechanical makeup, the equipment—and—oh, everything about this paper—is daily growing better. The paper The Champion is printed on is fine quality, and the presswork could not easily be improved; fine illustrations are used and the general makeup is of an extremely neat and pleasing style, because such a high degree of care is in evidence in all things pertaining to heads, classification of contents, etc. A copy of the regular edition is at hand also; but I shall save the consideration of that for some future time.